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Mysterious stranger

The Heritage Foundation sponsored a by-invitation-only briefing yesterday on Soviet active measures against the Strategic Defense Initiative. For security reasons, hostess Juliana Geran Pilon, a senior policy analyst, intercepted a man at the door she described as wearing "one of those linoleum raincoats" and speaking with a heavy Slavic accent. Other speakers associated that particular raincoat with the sartorial style of Soviet KGB agents. When the linoleum-clad Slav couldn't produce an invitation, he was barred from the auditorium.

Even though the program was broadcast live over C-SPAN television news network, she was taking no chances — a surprise guest was former Soviet KGB major Stanislav Levchenko, who defected to the United States in 1979 and has a Soviet death penalty hanging over his head.

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